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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The Air Cleared

PERHAPS, in the long run, the French Foreign Minister's none too tactful remarks that he is "in profound disagreement with much of recent Western policy" will have done more good than harm. Certainly it galvanized Sir Anthony Eden into initiating last weekend's talks at Chequers with M. Mollet, the French Prime Minister, and judging from the official communiqué the tête-à-tête contributed to a closer understanding of viewpoints.

M. Pineau has not publicly elaborated his "disagreement" statement, but he has hinted that he considers the West's attitude towards Russia to be too rigid and uncompromising — a somewhat curious suggestion when one recalls the inflexible conditions which the Soviets have imposed when dealing with any of the major post-war international problems.

The Eden-Mollet discussions appear somewhat to have cleared the air. In particular it was necessary to find out what precisely was the new French government's feelings on Nato. That organisation is the silent anchor of Western defence and the solidarity of its members is vital to its effectiveness. M. Mollet was fully reassuring, and if M. Pineau's "profound disagreement" with Western policy includes lack of confidence in Nato and its objectives, the Prime Minister roundly repudiated the idea that he and his government shared such a sentiment.

THE communiqué suggests Sir Anthony and M. Mollet did not share to the same extent common view on Middle East policy. Noticeably the French Prime Minister holds in some suspicion the Baghdad Pact, apparently believing that its military characteristics are provocative.

Assuredly the "northern tier" is designed as a protection against military aggression, but the economic aspects of the pact are no secondary consideration — a fact which Sir Anthony Eden, as one of the architects of the alliance, undoubtedly stressed with M. Mollet. The French Premier continues to hold reservations about the pact, but if his mind has been cleared of misconceptions as a result of his talks with Sir Anthony Eden, this will at least prevent future Anglo-French misunderstandings on the subject.

Right Decision

THE British government has done the right thing about Major Lee Shun-ling and his Nationalist Sabrejet, and there will be general agreement with the statement which makes clear Hongkong's position vis-à-vis foreign warplanes seeking sanctuary in the Colony.

The only regret is that it has taken Her Majesty's government so long to reach what was always an obvious decision. We cannot help but feel there has been unnecessary procrastination on the part of the Foreign Office, especially as what HMG describes as "normal international practice" in dealing with an affair of this nature, was discernible and applicable from the start.

It is, perhaps, appropriate to call the attention of the Chinese Nationalists to another "normal" international practice — that of non-interference with innocent shipping plying lawful trade within international waters. British merchants are still being subjected to hostile and illegal attacks while passing through the Formosa Straits, and it is time these were stopped.

The Chinese Nationalists are also under obligation to respect international laws and practice.

SILVERMAN BILL COMES BEFORE HOUSE OF COMMONS

MPs OPT FOR 'NO-HANGING'

Govt Move Again
Rejected

BIG TEST TO COME

London, Mar. 12.

The House of Commons tonight agreed in principle to a bill to abolish or suspend the death penalty for murder by 286 votes to 262.

By this majority of 24 it threw out an amendment by Sir Robert Grimston, a Conservative, seeking to reject the bill.

For the second time in three weeks the Commons, given a "free" vote, had ignored Government wishes. The Government strongly favours retaining hanging as a deterrent to crime.

After determining that if the Commons is still determined, it could force the bill through regardless of the peers' opposition.

In contrast to the jubilant scenes which followed the vote against hanging three weeks ago, tonight's vote was received by a quiet house.

But though the bill's further passage through the Commons

French Get
Tough
In Algeria

Paris, Mar. 12.

The French Government today won sanction to go ahead with strong military action against the rebels in Algeria, couched with radical reforms to relieve the poverty and unemployment.

The National Assembly in a session ending early today passed by overwhelming majorities the four votes of confidence. Premier Guy Mollet had asked for on the bill giving the Government extraordinary powers to cope with the situation in the strife-torn territory.

In the final vote the bill as a whole passed by 455 votes to 76.

It was the most complete demonstration of unity the Assembly has seen for a long time. Only the Poujadists, and a few right-wing Conservatives, voted in opposition.

Mr Roger Lacoste, Minister residing in Algeria, was known to have everything ready to declare a State of Emergency there and act accordingly by Sunday, in the hope that the Upper House would have made the bill law by that time.

Reuter.

Smaller Majority

The majority of 24 compares with the 31 by which a Government motion urging retention of hanging was defeated three weeks ago and the 40 by which an amendment urging abolition was then carried.

The Government had earlier given fresh warning of the consequences that might follow if hanging were abolished.

Mr Lloyd-George said he thought it would mean an increase in the number of murders.

It would also raise difficult problems of what to do with murderers who "rot" mentally after long terms of imprisonment.

Mr Lloyd-George said he had yet to learn how the abolitionists would deter the criminal who if caught would get a life sentence (which, in practice, means 14 years) for killing to avoid capture.

"What is to deter the man who has nothing to lose by committing murder to seize the chance to get away altogether?" he asked.

Only Murder

Mr Lloyd-George said that of murderers executed between 1948 and 1953 about 60 would have had to be detained for periods of up to 20 years and about 25 for longer — and one of these for the whole of their natural life.

In time there would be about 250 in the first category and about 100 in the second in prison.

Mr Silverman had earlier emphasized that his bill dealt with the death penalty for murder — not the penalty for treason. That, he said, should remain outside the scope of criminal law.

Reuter.



Eden Sends
Secret
Message To
Hussein

London, Mar. 12.

An unofficial go-between left for Jordan tonight with a message from Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden for King Hussein.

Former Ambassador to Jordan, Sir Alec Kirkbride, refused to discuss the message. He was rushed to Jordan the day after King Hussein dismissed Arab Legion Commander, Lt-Gen Sir John Glubb.

He returned last week with a message for Sir Anthony from King Hussein, who was apparently alarmed by the violent British reaction to his ousting of General Glubb from the Legion.

MORE FRIENDLY

Authoritative sources believed the message was conciliatory, and modified the Prime Minister's announced intentions to recall 15 top British officers serving with the Legion.

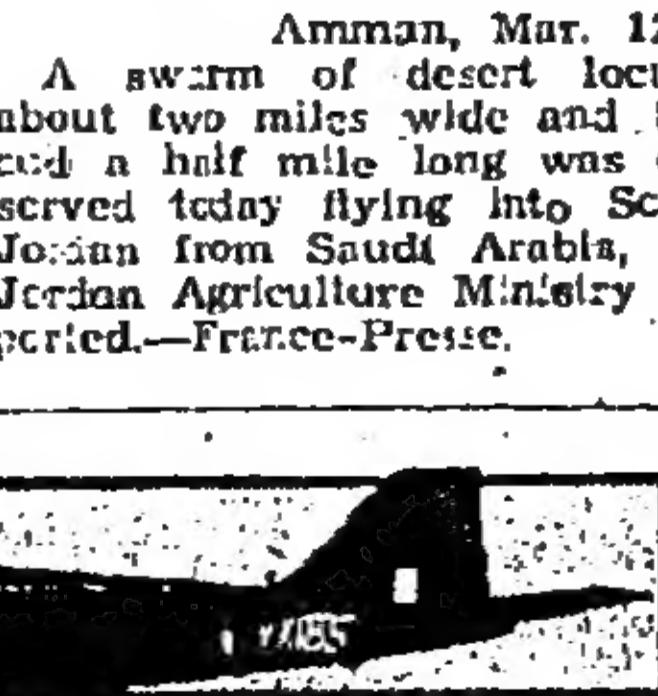
They said it probably pledged to continue the British £8 million subsidy to the Arab Legion.

Sir Alec said: "I am not an anti-British. I just happened to get dragged into the matter. Today I am flying to Beirut and I shall report to the King when I reach Jordan."

"It is not possible to say anything more at the moment," he added.

But it was apparent to observers here that Britain was taking a more moderate and friendly view towards Jordan.

United Press.



RAF CREWS TOLD: FLY
THROUGH A-CLOUD

London, Mar. 12.

Specially modified Canberra bombers will fly through atomic clouds produced at Britain's spring nuclear tests, it was announced today.

No hydrogen bombs will be exploded.

Seven of the Canberra jet bombers, containing the latest de-contamination equipment, will start on the 12,000-mile flight to the Australian testing grounds shortly, and in all, 24 aircraft will take part in the tests, a RAF spokesman said.

IMPORTANT ROLE

He described the operation as the largest RAF task force ever assembled in peace time.

The Canberras will fly to Woomera air base, in south-west Australia.

The first series of atomic tests will be held in the Monte Bello Islands off Western Australia. The second series will be carried out at the Maralinga test range in central Australia in the autumn.

Chinese Arrested

Kota Bharu, Mar. 12.

Security forces in South

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London, Mar. 12.

Plans to prevent agents of the Cyprus Eoka terrorist movement infiltrating into Britain were put into operation by Scotland Yard tonight.

Special British men and immigration officers at all sea and air ports were alerted.

About 3,000 Cypriots come to Britain each year looking for work and the authorities are convinced an attempt will be made to plant agents among them to foment agitation.

Steps are also being taken to guard against any pro-Makarios activities among the Nationalist Cypriots among the 30,000 Greek Cypriots colony already in London.

Court Action Plan

Most of these Cypriots are not anti-British — they find full employment in Britain and send home as much as £16,000 a month.

But there are some anti-British organisations. Chief is the left-wing National Cypriot Committee in Britain.

A group of Cypriots backed by British sponsors is planning to swamp Cyprus' courts with actions challenging the emergency measures taken by the Governor, Field Marshal Sir John Glubb.

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United Press.

More Cafes For
The Russians

Paris, Mar. 12.

Soviet leaders today took steps to boost the number of State-run restaurants, cafes and tea rooms in the Soviet Union and improve the quality of food served in them, Moscow radio reported.

The Communists Central Committee and the Council of Ministers, in a joint communiqué, also called for more buffets, workers' canteens, self-service cafeterias and home-catering services.

The communiqué said that the present collective restaurants were too scarce, were badly set up and served poor quality food.

Pravda reported.

Bid To Keep MPs

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The bill will be introduced

in the House of Commons on

Wednesday.

Reuter.

Blizzards in America

North America also felt the cold wave.

Although the first day of spring is only eight days away, the northern midlands are recovering from the worst storm of the winter season.

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INDEPENDENCE—OR ELSE

Action Party Leader Hints At Violence

Singapore, Mar. 12.

Lee Kuan Yew, leader of the People's Action Party, today said he would like to see a "democratic, non-Communist and independent" Malaya born.

Lee, secretary-general of the most revolutionary political group in Singapore, said the British "have played their part in Malaya and it is time for them to quit."

He qualified this by saying that he did not mean all Englishmen should get out of Singapore and Malaya immediately, "but those holding administrative powers should be removed."

Lee made the remarks in a speech before the Singapore Union of Journalists.

India An Example

Asked by a questioner if his party would work for friendly East-West relations after the Colony became independent, Lee said, "Whether an independent Singapore will be friends of the British depends on whether the British will want to befriend us."

"India is an example," he said. "More than a third of the people of this country are imbued with British education and culture for nearly 100 years and this cannot be wiped out with the stroke of the pen."

Lee said everything depended on the talks which a Singapore all-party mission will hold with British authorities in London next month. He refused to speculate on the consequences of a "failure" of the London talks but hinted that Britain would have to contend with quite a lot of trouble.

Violence Possible

Lee said all political parties in Singapore would have to make a "deep and acute change of policies" in the event the London talks ended in failure.

The PAP leader, who recently warned of a "peaceful settlement" if Britain failed to grant independence to Singapore, hinted today that he did not overrule the possibility of some violence.

"Britain probably can contain the situation for some time by force but the British must know they cannot contain it for a long time by force," he said.

Lee emphasised he would not want to see Malaya fall into the Communist orbit.

A Challenge

He said, however, an independent Singapore should not be anti-Communist "because if we adopt an anti-Communist front we immediately create more problems for ourselves."

He said whether an independent and democratic Singapore and Malaya could survive a Communist challenge depended on whether the people who run the country could eliminate slum, poverty and slums. "If we can't remove them," Lee said, "then the country will go Communist by default"—United Press.

Have The Edge

He said the aim of the five-plus US divisions stationed in Germany, in case "the balloon went up", would be to defend as far to the east as possible.

"I doubt if a forward defence could be successful with the troops at our disposition at the moment," he said. "That does not mean we would be run out of Germany. But I doubt that until the 12 West German NATO divisions are ready, it would be possible to hold on to such sparsely manned lines as we have now."

Gen. McAuliffe said the US still has a definite edge on the Soviets with its 280 millimeter "atomic" cannon and "Honest John" guided missiles which can carry atomic warheads.—United Press.

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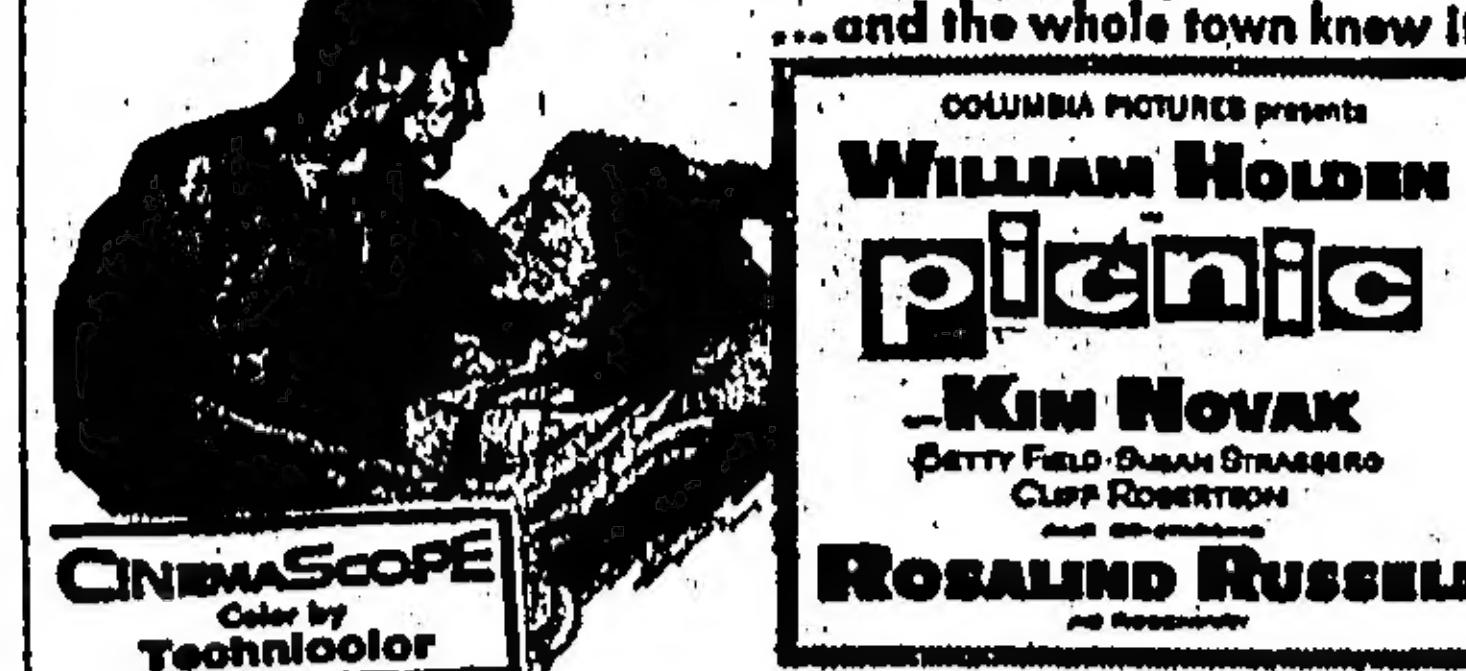
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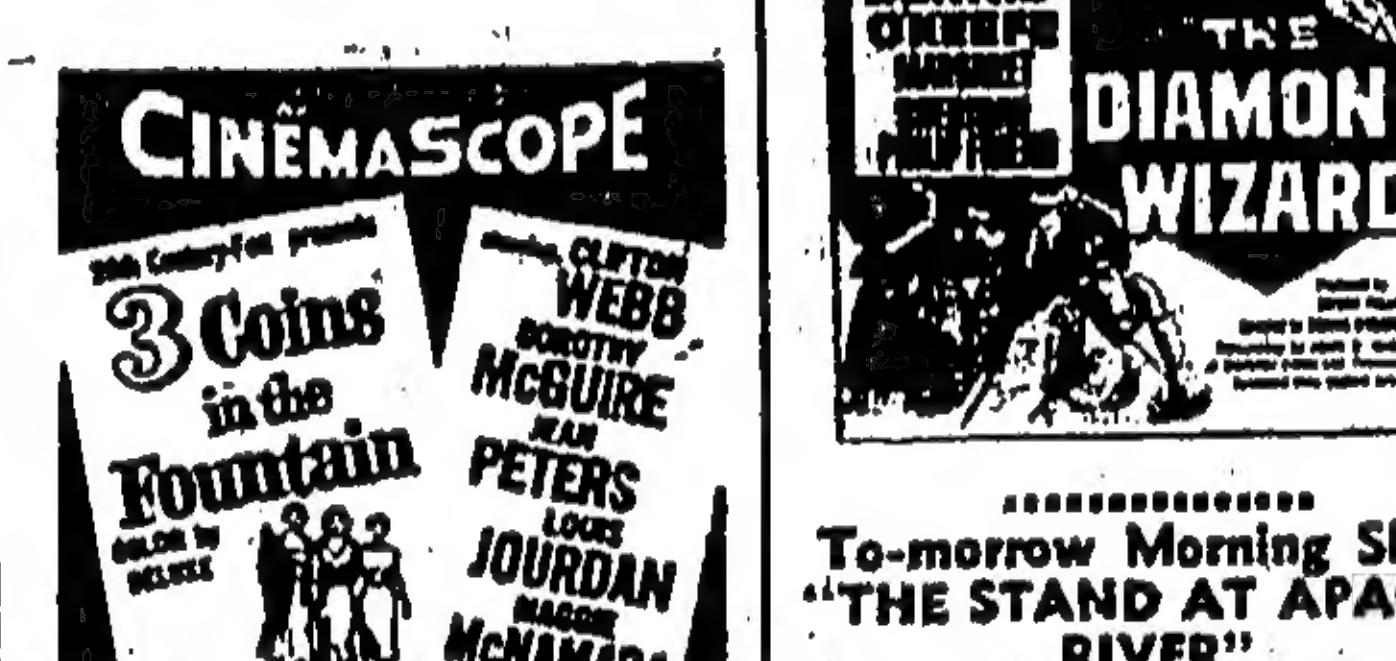


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French Step Up Drive Against Rebels

ERUPTIONS ON SUN

Vienna, Mar. 12. Scientists at the sun observatory on the peak of the Kanzel Mountain, near Villach reported today that they had observed powerful eruptions on the sun. They said these were similar to those noticed in February this year which had led, through an increase in cosmic rays, to the partial interruption of radio communications over a widespread area.

Today also they had noticed powerful interruptions in radio reception, they reported.—Reuter.

14,000 Miles In Search Of Cooks

London, Mar. 12. INTO London has come a man who has travelled nearly 14,000 miles to look for cooks.

He is Melbourne Hotelier Tom Carlyon and he wants men for the Olympic Games to be held in Australia at the end of this year.

They will earn at least £18 a week cooking for the 6,500 competitors and officials from all over the world who will be housed in the Olympic Village.

During the few days he will be in Britain, Mr. Carlyon hopes to sign between 10 and 50. "I'll interview as many as five in an hour," he told a press conference here.

About 130 "potentials" have been sifted out of the 450 Britons who applied when they knew Mr. Carlyon was coming to Britain.

All those selected will be immigrants and jobs and accommodations will be found for them after the games.

40 in Rome

Mr. Carlyon is entering representative of the organising committee of the Games and he arrived here from Rome where he signed up 40 cooks. From London he goes to Amsterdam and other continental cities.

The organisers are making preparations to cater for every country with its own particular kind of food. Mr. Carlyon said.

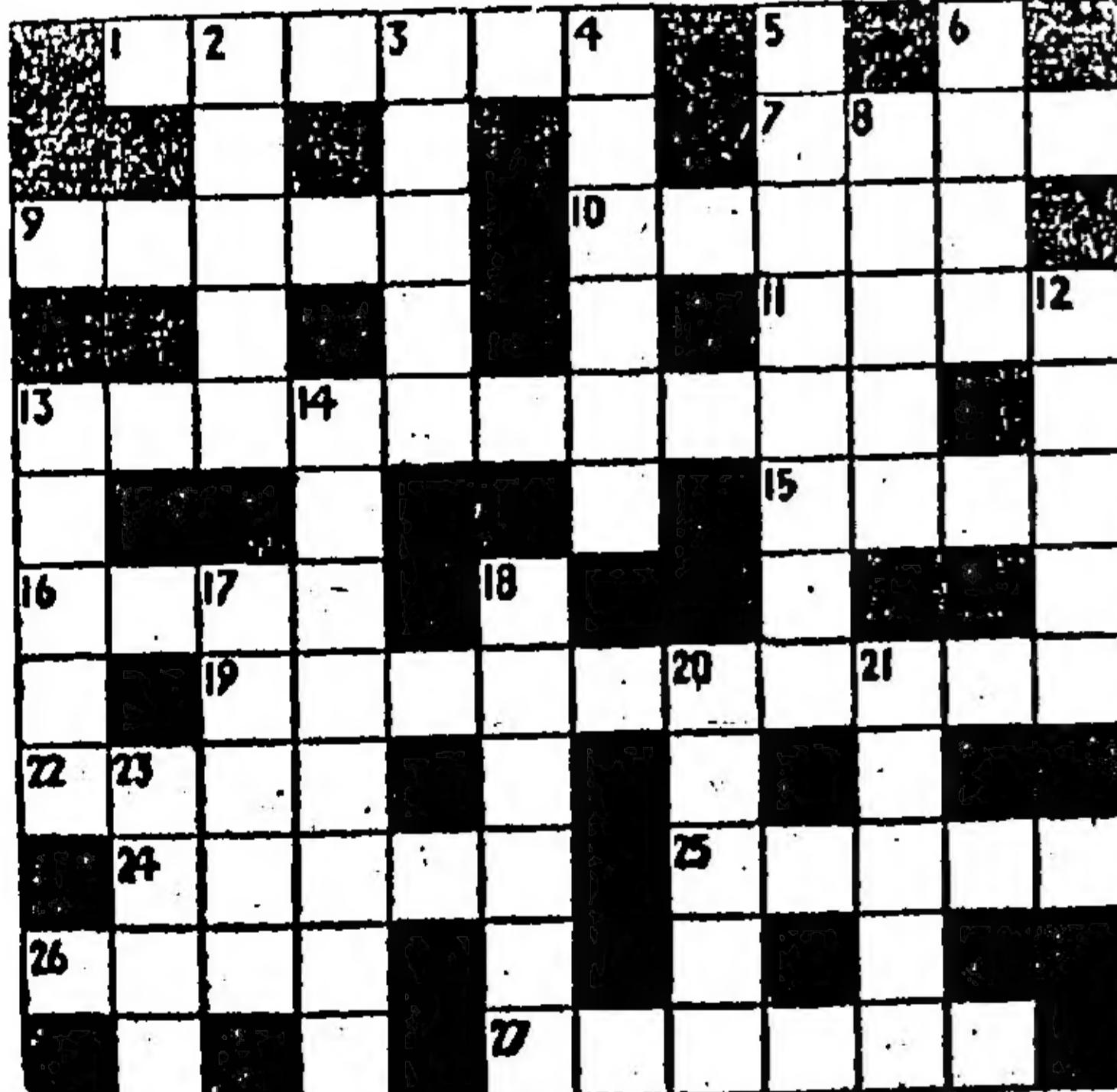
Even cavare, he added, will be available for the Soviet team.

"Countries can bring their own cooks," he continued, "and we have asked the Russians what their arrangements are. 'So far we have not had a reply.'

Why has Mr. Carlyon come so far to search for cooks?

"There is a shortage in Australia," he said. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Ascend confidently (6).
2. Wading bird (4).
3. Savage (6).
4. Evil spirit (5).
5. Press (4).
6. Unlikely (10).
7. John (4).
8. Health resort (4).
9. Deemed (10).
10. Noblemen (4).
11. Gland (5).
12. Take out (5).
13. Discourteous (4).
14. Sober (6).
15. Neared (8).
16. Trail (10).
17. Dope (10).
18. Tropic (21).
19. Contrast (2).
20. Reappear (3).
21. Cook (5).
22. Discourteous (4).
23. Mineral salt (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Corrie, 4. Asked, 7. Neared, 8. Trail, 10. Pipe, 12. Matador, 15. Envoy, 16. Merit, 17. Shot, 19. Dope, 20. Tropic, 21. Contrast, 22. Streamer, 23. Cross, 26. Canidae. Down: 1. Contrast, 2. Reappear, 3. Stop, 5. Cross, 20. Canidae, 21. Envoy, 22. Streamer, 23. Model, 25. Sober, 26. Restored, 28. Latent, 29. Lava.

OVER 25 KILLED IN ALGERIAN HILL CLASHES

Algiers, Mar. 12.

Fifteen rebels were today reported killed by French forces in Algeria as new army reinforcements and supplies arrived from France to intensify the drive to put down the 17-month-old uprising.

Nine rebels were killed and 26 captured in a fierce engagement near Iain el Guellaa after reconnaissance aircraft spotted a rebel column moving across the hills.

A French mobile patrol also killed some outlaws in a clash in the darkness near Souk el Hand.

Eight hundred French soldiers descended at Bone in Eastern Algeria today to reinforce garrisons in the region.

MOROCCAN LEADER AGAINST SETTLEMENT

Madrid, Mar. 12. Moroccan Independence Party leader Alal El Fassi declared tonight his followers would never accept the Franco-Moroccan settlement.

El Fassi said his Istiqlal Party will settle only for "complete independence."

France and Morocco last week negotiated an "independence" agreement with interdependence agreed.

Spain, France, and Morocco must be three sovereign and completely independent nations," El Fassi said in an interview with the United Press.

New Trouble

The nationalist leader's statement could spell new trouble for France in her drawn-out battle with North African rebels. French Premier Guy Mollet tonight received overwhelming approval from the French Assembly to go all out to quell the blood North African revolt.

El Fassi's statement constituted an indirect warning to Spain as well. The Spanish Government has invited Sultan Mohammed ben Youssef of Morocco to Madrid for independence talks, but is not considered likely to offer Arab nationalists more than they got from France.

Resignation

Mehdi ben Barka, another important executive of the Istiqlal Party, was in the house of El Fassi at the time of the interview.

He had just arrived from Tangier where he saw Abdjalil Torres, head of the National Reformer Party who recently resigned his post of Minister of Social Activities in the Ralph's Government.

The last time that El Fassi and other Istiqlal leaders held an important conference in Madrid was last December.—United Press.

Middlesex Soldiers Give Blood

Nicosia, Mar. 12. Two British soldiers of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment—1st Inf. Regt. of the Hongkong Regiment—answered a call for blood last week to save a Cypriol-Greek patient suffering from an acute gastric complaint. It was revealed.

The patient, Mr. George Miltiades, 47, is in the Larnaca Hospital, south Cyprus.

The matron telephoned the police with an SOS for blood, as none of the required blood group was available.

The SOS was flashed to the Alma military camp at Dhekelia, eight miles away, where the Middlesex men are stationed.

Private Sidney Eric Tree, of London S.E. 15, and Private Herbert Alfred Gatzney of London N. 19 at once volunteered.

The patient's condition after the transfusion was stated to be much better. — China Mail Special.

Speed-Up For Seamstresses

Prague, Mar. 12. Seamstresses in Czechoslovakia are preparing for a speed-up with a new sewing machine which, according to Ceteka news agency, makes 5,000 stitches a minute.

The agency said that the new machine is already in production and supersedes existing models which sew a mere 1,200 stitches a minute.—China Mail Special.

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 12. Chinese physicians and medicine dealers today asked the Chief Minister of Malaya, Tengku Abdul Rahman, to exempt Chinese medicines from import-duty.

They urged him to bring the matter before the Federal Legislative Council.—Reuter.



The flood-up which covered most of the European continent has now turned in many places to floods, particularly in Holland. This Dutch village of Rietveld can only be reached by boat, owing to the overflow of the river Meuse.—Express Photo.

STALIN'S PICTURES DISAPPEAR



Moscow, Mar. 2. Russia's largest picture gallery has suddenly put away every picture of the late Premier Josef Stalin.

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BUST REMAINS

Whereas formerly the gallery had altogether at least 25 portraits of the deceased Soviet leader on view, the churchmen said today that the only sign of Stalin remaining was a bust of the late leader which appears in the background of a painting of a wounded soldier.

Western observers said the removal of Stalin's portraits may be the beginning of a movement to remove all pictures and statues of the late Premier throughout the Soviet Union.

They said these pictures and statues may be considered as symbolising the "cult of the individual" which has been heavily attacked at the recent Communist Party Congress.

Along with platters of Lenin were others of dead Russian leaders, like Andrei Zhdanov.

PEOPLE'S ARTIST

Observers noted other signs of decreasing enthusiasm on Stalin. The bust of Stalin at the Moscow Conservatory was removed recently.

Soviet pianist Gilels was introduced as a "people's artist" at a concert Friday night. He used to be introduced as a "Stalin laureate." The pianist also received a medal.—United Press.

Hope For Blind Woman

Milan, Mar. 12. A blind young Italian woman, Marilena Zappi, was given hope today of restored vision after surgeons in Milan grafted the corneas of a dead man onto her formerly sightless eyes.

The donor of the eyes, 75-year-old Giovanni Fagg, a member of the League Against Blindness had died five hours earlier from a heart attack.

The delicate operation was performed by Dr. Bruno Acciavola, chief surgeon of the Milan Hospital and President of the League Against Blindness.

Mons said his job was a delicate one and he often had to straighten out military-civilian conflicts. He said, "Eight out of ten of his documents were secret" but a great many men knew them. He said all had been cleared for security, including Labrusse and Turpin.

FLOODS HIT HOLLAND

Atomic Research Centre In Manila

By Ross Mark

Washington, Mar. 13. The United States and the Philippines have reached agreement on building an Asian atomic research centre in Manila, informed sources told Reuter today.

The United States originally offered to build such a centre at the Colombo Plan meeting in Singapore last October.

The offer brought several applications from nations which wanted the centre situated in their territory, among which were Ceylon, Pakistan, Japan and the Philippines.

Declined Comment

The final selection of a site caused an intra-administration fight here in Washington between those officials who thought the centre should be established in Manila—capital of the United States' long-time ally—and those who preferred Colombo—capital of more non-aligned Ceylon.

Although United States officials declined comment, informed diplomatic sources said that decision in favour of Manila rested heavily on what Washington thought was a better educational base there.

Washington felt, according to these diplomatic informants, that Ceylon was lagging behind some other Asian nations in its efforts to train the technicians without which the centre could not function efficiently on an Asia basis.

Asians Take Over

The United States wanted to push ahead with the project early in 1956 but delay in agreement on the site has caused the loss of many months in starting on the facility.

The United States will supply technicians and scientists as needed in the early stages but wants the Asian members of the Colombo Plan to take over all operations as rapidly as possible.—Reuter.

US CHINESE PROTEST TO IKE

New York, Mar. 12.

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Society of New York protested to President Eisenhower, the Department of Justice and top Government officials today the "blanket summoning" of Chinese organisations in San Francisco by a grand jury investigating illegal entry of Chinese into the United States.

Shing-wei Liang, president of the New York group which represents 60 Chinese-American civic, cultural and family associations here, said he had sent identical telegrams to the President, Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and leaders of the House and Senate.

The Chinese community of New York is deeply concerned over reports that 26 Chinese-American civic organisations in San Francisco, including the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association there, have been summarily summoned for hearing before a special grand jury investigating alleged illegal entry of Chinese nationals into the United States.

"Blanket summoning of law-abiding Chinese organisations is considered both unnecessary and unjust," the telegram said.

"Law-abiding Chinese here and in other cities are disturbed over short-noticed discriminatory and sweeping summonses which are interrupting normal commerce, community well-being and lawful activities of individuals."

Liang said he had had a reply from Senator William F. Knowland, a Californian and Republican minority leader of the Senate, saying he had "requested information from responsible officials in Washington" regarding the protest and "will be in contact with you upon receipt of report."—United Press.

Dutch Envoy Recalled

The Hague, Mar. 12. Count van Bylandt, the Netherlands High Commissioner in Djakarta has been recalled to Holland "for consultations," it was announced officially here today.

No further explanation for the recall was given but observers here said problems presented by the recent developments in relations between Holland and Indonesia would be sufficient reason for requested information from responsible officials in Washington regarding the protest and "will be in contact with you upon receipt of report."—United Press.

BALLOON PROJECT STOPPED

Swedes Protest

Washington, Mar. 12. The United States today told Sweden in a note that it had stopped launching balloons which might pass over Swedish territory and said it hoped that Sweden's "concern" had now been met.

The note, handed over in Stockholm today, was in reply to a Swedish note of March 8 objecting to the alleged flight over Sweden of weather balloons described as of American origin.

A State Department summary of today's note said: "The United States' reply referred to the weather balloon project announced in Washington on January 8, 1956 which included the establishment of research stations in Europe with the co-operation of other governments.

"The United States Government intimated that since early February no balloons had been launched which might pass over Swedish territory."—Reuter.

Drowning Is Main Holiday Risk

Wellington, Mar. 12. Drownings were the worst holiday risk in New Zealand, according to figures which show that in one month at the height of the holiday season 32 lives were lost from drowning, compared with 27 through road accidents.

Mons said his job was a delicate one and he often had to straighten out military-civilian conflicts. He said, "Eight out of ten of his documents were secret" but a great many men knew them.

Most of the drownings were in lakes and rivers. Five children under five years of age were among the dead.—China Mail Special.

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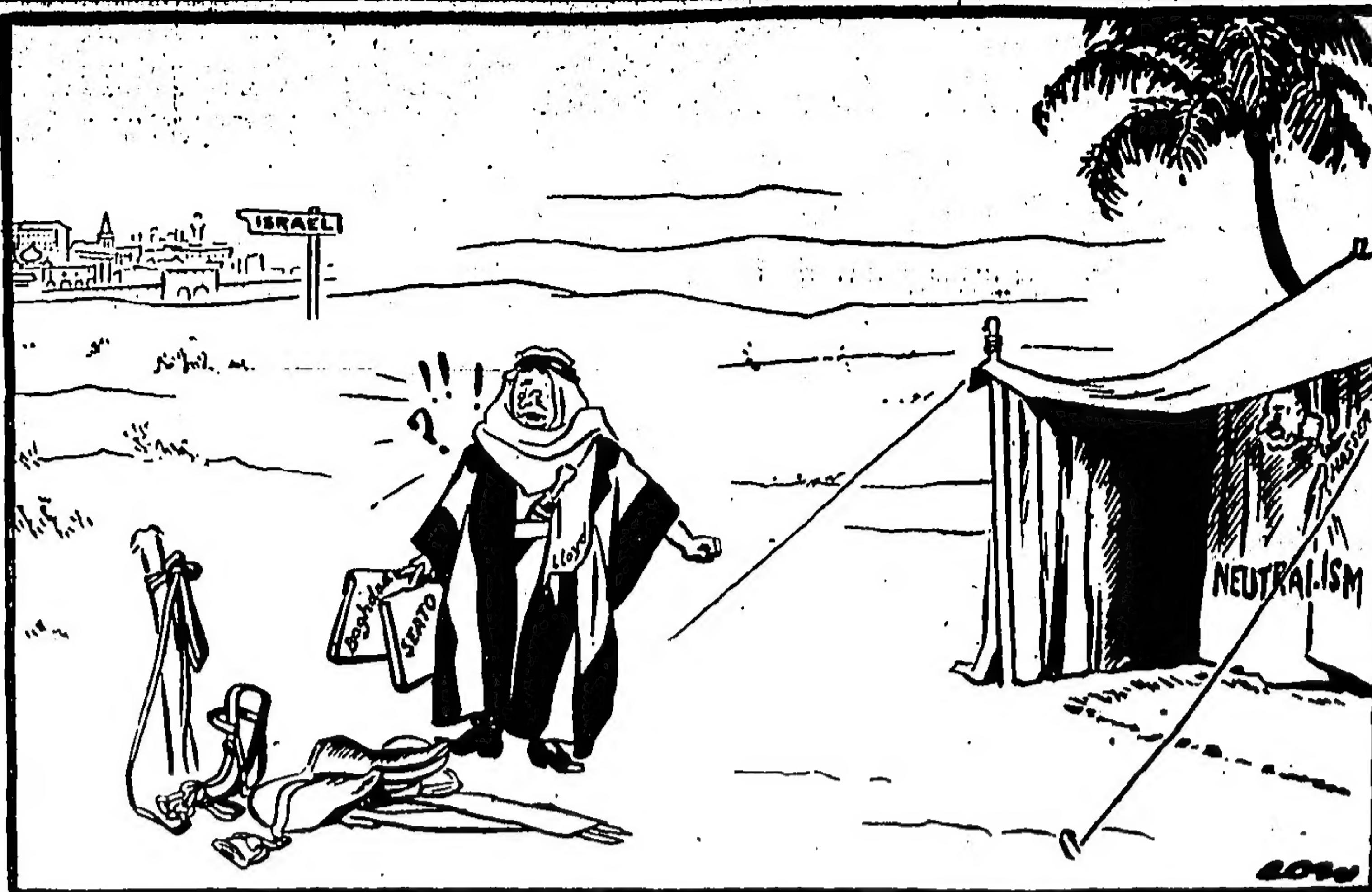


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The Extraordinary Background To Glubb's Dismissal

A BABY GIRL CAUSES A POLITICAL DRAMA

By SEFTON DELMER

Amman
O F all the coups and putsches I have covered, the one by which jet-flying King Hussein of Jordan has sacked his veteran British adviser, General Richard Bagehot Glubb, is far and away the most extraordinary.

And, who knows, it may prove to be the most important too.

I say extraordinary for:

1. Behind it is a baby girl not yet a month old;

2. The people who are

examining the coup wildly as a

great victory for their cause—

I mean that anti-British trio

Dictator Nasser of Egypt,

Saudi-Arabia's bribe master,

Yusuf Yusif, and Moscow's

Nikita Krushchev—are likely to

discover shortly it is really a

defeat for them; and

3. The British Foreign Office,

whose Middle Eastern intelligence service has once more

been taken completely by surprise,

may wake up to find that this shattering setback is quite a good thing in disguise.

How does the baby girl come into this political drama?

Through the bazaars, mosques and refugee camps, where what goes for Arab public opinion is made. When Hussein's Queen Dina gave birth to a princess instead of a prince on February 12, polite jubilation quickly gave way to a wave of whispers and fears. The King was compelled to

persuade the Shah of Persia, who have also only had girls from their wives and no male child as the primitive tribesmen expect, from their chiefs.

The bazaar comment, sedulously relayed to the young King, fertilised the ground in the young King's mind for a far more serious campaign—the campaign against Glubb. Foremost in wagging it were young Arab Legion officers who serve the King as ADCs. Like many other ambitious young legionaries, they were resentful of the slowness of promotion which they attributed to Glubb's anxiety to keep the plum jobs for British officers.

Before carrying out the King's

order, the Premier summoned

the British Ambassador, Charles Duke. And in telling the

King's senior ADC, young Lieutenant Colonel Ali Abu Nawaf, who as a result of the coup, has been

upped to command a brigade

(in place of the British Brigadier Geltin), despite the fact he has so far not even commanded a battalion.

Abu Nawaf and others played

on the King's wounded ego and pointed out to him how throughout the Arab world—and the rest of the world, too—for that—Glubb Pasha was held

to be the real ruler of Jordan and the King his stooge.

Politicians added their bite,

pointing out—and I hold quite



POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"If Allah is merciful he may put into the heads of the British to send the M.C.C. to Bagdad—then Iraq is ours!"

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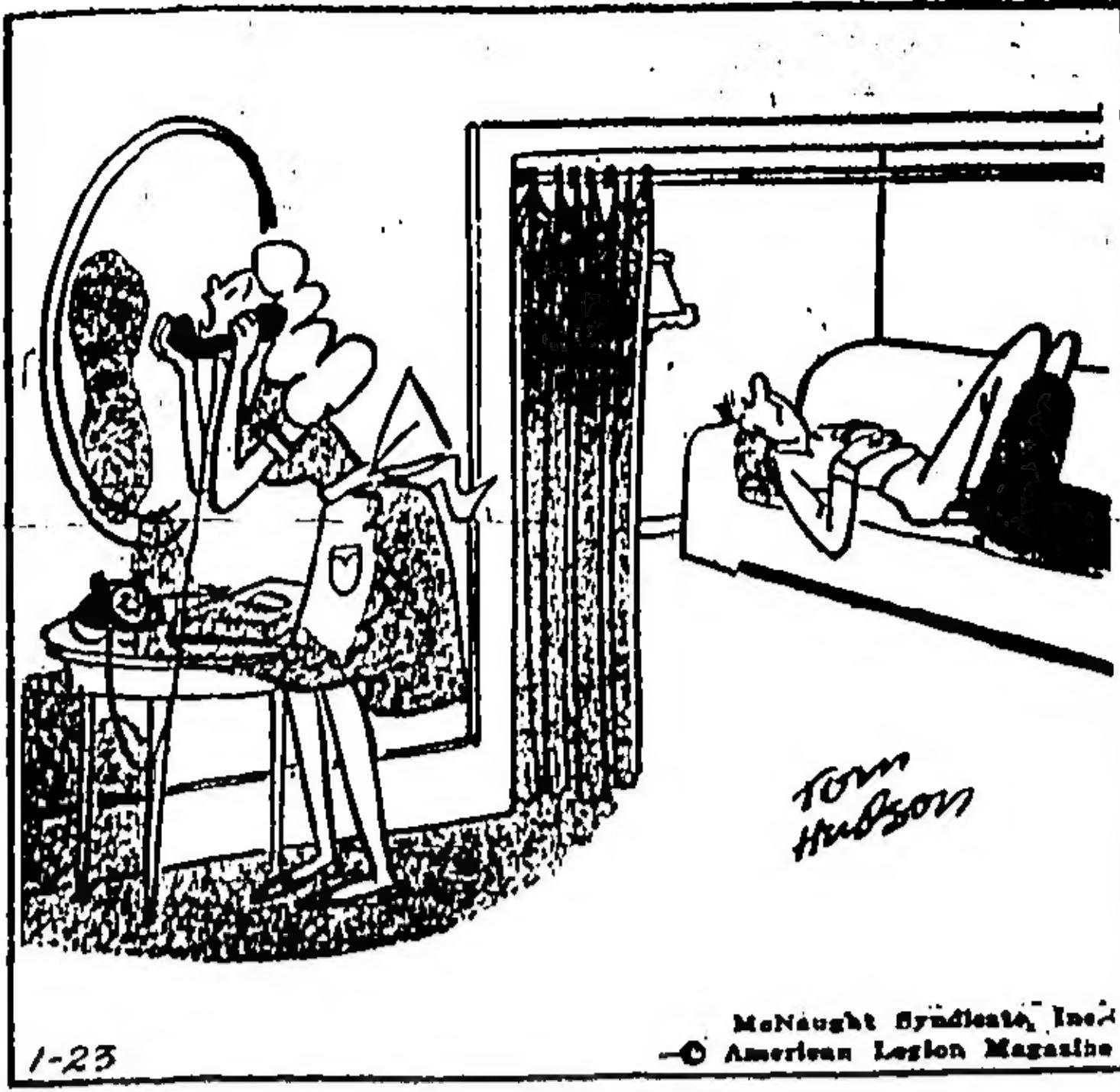
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This Funny World



"Mama, quick, what was it you used to give father after he'd eaten that goulash you gave me the recipe for?"

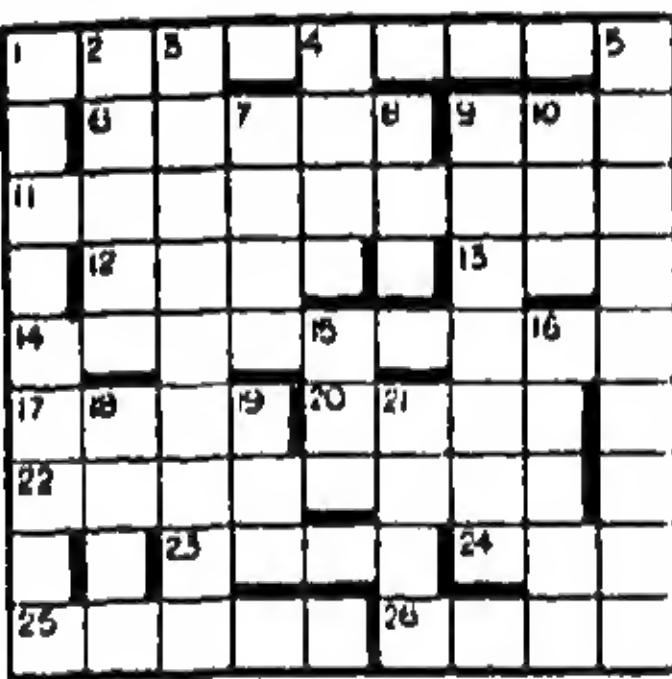
• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

"TELL me in your own words," said the magistrate. "In a way," said the man. "She got hysterics, and her mother ran at me and left over the eat, and I got my leg caught in the rear-wheel, and the bike fell over on to her father and woke him up, and he shouted, 'Adia! There's a rubber! Get the police!' And two women dashed in from next door, and said I was stealing the bicycle, and I couldn't get my leg clear of that wheel, and I said to the girl, 'I hope you aren't bored any more, and when we're on scrumming until a dog came in and bit one of the women from next door.' Is that all?" asked the magistrate. "Well, it's all I can think of for the moment," said the man.

A near thing

• A telescopic intra-ocular photograph of the star Abracadabra, which, on March 15 will come to within 378,481,934 miles of the earth, the nearest

CROSSWORD



1. The semi-precious stone makes an adventure (6-6)
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12. A game with points. (13)
13. Clothe for no-good. (4)

1. Things here are liable to go on without you. (10)
2. Sensibility is said to have it. (6)
3. This may keep you from over-turning when you paddle along. (6)
4. Up in the ship. (4)
5. Pier whose (anag.) (3-6)
6. Encouragement for el-takers to have the R.A.F. knowledge. (4)
7. Colonel Berger does this kind of work. (10)
8. Silence! the order for quiet gets in. (7)
9. It's a nearly lost. (13)
10. (4, 6, 8) (10) (10) (10) (10) (10)
11. Herds are here. (10)
12. The old man's a bit of a show-off. (10)
13. Lady King (10) (10) (10) (10)
14. Strike it! (10) (10) (10) (10)
15. Its black. (10)
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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

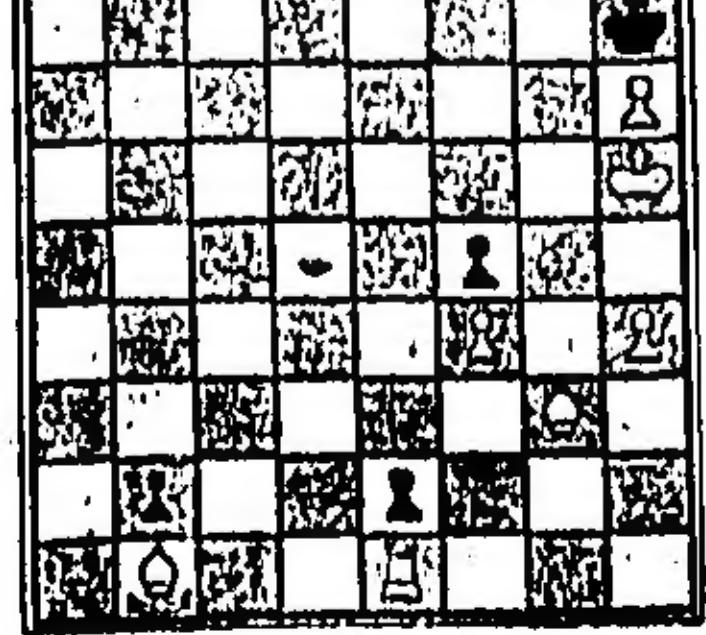
BORN today, although the basic characteristics of the sexes are similar, you men and women are destined to vary quite widely in the use of your talents and in their life!

You men are interested in the sex and in women, but like to consider everything in the broad range of ideas. You are rather quiet, reserved, and have the ability to speak forcefully in public. Your one limitation, perhaps, is your tendency to think things over too long before taking any action.

On the other hand, you women are more like little too impulsive, especially when it comes to matters of the heart. You are likely to fall in love at first sight—and again, once you have fallen, you have no emotional control over the social. Your talents tend toward the social.

CHESS PROBLEM

By H. FAUST
Black, 4 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Castles, any; 2. Q, R (dbl ch); 3. K, or P (dbl ch) mate.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Repeat Finesse Would Be Costly

BY OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN you take a finesse successfully, your natural tendency is to repeat it. This is usually a good idea, but today's hand shows an exception to the rule.

Declarer won the first trick with dummy's king of spades and drew three rounds of trumps. He then led a low club from his hand and finessed dummy's nine.

The original idea was to avoid losing a trick to the jack of clubs. South rejoiced for a moment when East had to win this trick with the king of clubs. The club finesse obviously had succeeded.

South's rejoicing was short lived. East returned a low diamond, and West's king forced out dummy's ace. South couldn't

afford to ruff a diamond in order to lead another club towards dummy. West would put up the ace of clubs and lead another diamond to force out declarer's last trump. Dummy's queen of clubs would then block the suit.

There was a safe way to play the hand, and South properly adopted it. Upon winning with dummy's ace of diamonds, he returned the queen of clubs, thus giving up the finesse that he had been at such pains to take.

The defence was now helpless. West had to take the ace of clubs and could return a diamond to force out declarer's fourth trump. South could now give up another club trick, and his last trump assured him a re-entry in order to cash the last two clubs.

Try this if a fine white curtain develops a hole. Cover the hole with a piece of white paper, then run it back and forth under the sewing machine needle.

After the curtain is laundered, the paper will be soaked away, and the burning will be hard to detect.

Worn table covers can be turned into new-looking linens

by Maggy Rouff, in a lovely evening gown of white lace on blue satin. It reflects the Empire Line dominant in the new Paris collections.—Agence France-Presse.

It is not always easy to tell whether newly mixed paint will match when dry. One quick and easy way to find out is to paint a sample brush stroke on a piece of a tin can, then dry it quickly in the oven or on the radiator.

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Glamour Is Simply Not Enough

What's your best feature? Your hands, your ankles, your feet? To many a woman, unremarkable except for that best feature, the camera brings cash.

the ordinary nice girl who hasn't anywhere — anywhere outside the spheres of sophistication in a city like London. The girl from the suburbs or the provinces.

Scouts keep their eyes open, and encouragement is given to girls to send their photographs to the magazines.

When a photograph that looks like is sent, check is made to see that it isn't a "phoney." It isn't unusual for a woman to send in a picture of herself that was taken forty years ago!

If the girl looks like a possible, she is re-photographed. If she still looks good in a "dummy" of the magazine cover, she follows in the footsteps of the Joan Stewarts of the business.

—JEAN MACAULAY



Lola Frusac, famous Parisian designer, presents these attractive fashion accessories for evening. The silk scarf with a pattern resembling Chinese characters, matches the gloves in colour and black; they blend harmoniously with the colours of the other items.—Agence France-Presse.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If a member of your family by dyeing the unworn parts a new colour, then cutting into them heat treatment, and you have no rubber, hot water bottle, or electric heating pad, put a small bag of salt into a skillet and heat. Wrap the bag tight in closely woven cloth, and it will hold the heat for a long time.

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In The Barn

"Well, the cow went back to the barn and the farmer milked it. Out came McSnooze with the milk. The farmer didn't even notice him. He emptied the pail of milk into a big jug and stood it aside to let it turn into cheese. McSnooze was still taking his fifty winks as he thought.

"Then," continued Pixie O'Scowl, "the cheese was made and pressed and the farmer's daughter broke off a piece and put it between two pieces of bread and went off on a picnic. She laid the sandwich under a shady tree while she played a game. And all this while that sleepy McSnooze, feeling cool and comfortable between two pieces of bread, went right on counting: 'Thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five—'

Knarf and Hanid were astonished to hear this.

Pixie O'Scowl went on, "He didn't wake up even though he was swallowed by the cow. He just kept mumbling in his sleep: 'Ten, eleven, twelve—'

Finally, after a great deal of urging and coaxing, Pixie O'Scowl explained what had happened to make him lose his temper.

"It's on account of McSnooze here. He's always slipping off and taking naps while I do all the work. But the worst thing of all just happened. He went off somewhere to take a nap and stayed away for a week. He just this minute got back, didn't you?" the angry Pixie said, turning on Pixie McSnooze.

"I only took fifty winks," said Pixie McSnooze in a low voice.

"With the gold acorn safe in his keeping Philip turns to Rupert and says, 'Why, oh why did you not tell my father that you had my treasure?'" he demands. "How could I?" he laughs. "Neither the woodman nor his daughter nor

your father would let me finish my story. They all started rushing about when I was half-way through! Now please do tell me, why is the acorn so important?"

"But the earl has already taken a horn from his belt and is blowing a long, clear call to us," all shout together.



McSnooze stretched out under a clover for a nap.

"And what happened after that?" Knarf asked.

A Bit Of Cheese

"After that," said Pixie O'Scowl, "a swallow flew down and pecked off a bit of cheese and flew away with it. But the cheese fell out of his beak and dropped in the meadow just as Pixie McSnooze was counting: 'Forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty—'

"'Fifty,'" shouted Pixie.

"Vegetable protein—leafy vegetables, cereals, grains, legumes.

When you are ill, or during pregnancy, you may need greater amounts of protein than under normal conditions. Infants and children, too, need additional protein "building blocks" to help them grow properly.

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Here again, Mother Nature has taken a hand. She has arranged these vital combinations so that they just naturally go together. Take chicken and rice or milk and cereal, for example. Not only do these combinations taste good, but eaten together, they do more good than if eaten separately.

Protein is the basic stuff of life. Every cell in your body is protein of one kind or another.

But protein is a very complex substance. You won't find any two of them identical. The nutritional value of each protein varies, as does the number of amino acids which go to make it up.

While our bodies can manufacture about half of these amino acids, the others must be obtained from the food we eat.

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It is not essential that you eat large amounts of the animal protein foods every day. Mother Nature has arranged it so that relatively small amounts of animal protein in a meal actually improve your body's use of protein obtained from other foods.

Generally, you'll find most of the high protein foods are also rich in vitamins and minerals.

Mother Nature has not overcooked a thing.

Rupert and the Gold Acorn—30



"With the gold acorn safe in his keeping Philip turns to Rupert and says, 'Why, oh why did you not tell my father that you had my treasure?'" he demands. "How could I?" he laughs. "Neither the woodman nor his daughter nor

your father would let me finish my story. They all started rushing about when I was half-way through! Now please do tell me, why is the acorn so important?"

"But the earl has already taken a horn from his belt and is blowing a long, clear call to us," all shout together.

Pakistan Cricket Board Says... Both Sides Equally At Fault In Pakistan Incident

Karachi, Mar. 12. The Pakistan Cricket Board of Control said today an inquiry showed "both sides were equally at fault" in an incident which occurred during play between the MCC tourists and Pakistan in the Fourth unofficial Test match here yesterday.

The board appealed to both teams and to the public to treat the incident as closed.

The statement was made by the Board after an inquiry attended by the MCC manager, Mr. Geoffrey Howard.

Imtiaz Ahmed, Pakistani Test wicketkeeper, yesterday de-

cused MCC players of using abusive language against Pakistani players, the umpire and the country while he was batting yesterday.

The incident occurred after a leg-before wicket appeal against Imtiaz was refused.

STRONG LANGUAGE

One of the MCC's players admitted he had used strong language but flatly denied having used the terms alleged against him.

Today's statement was issued by Group Captain Cheema, Honorary Secretary of the Control Board. It said:

"The Board has taken note of incidents which took place on the field yesterday and which were reported in the Press.

"An inquiry at which Howard was present has revealed that both sides were equally at fault. In the circumstances the Board strongly feels that these incidents should be treated as closed and appeals to both teams and the public to do likewise."

The Board sincerely hopes that the public will co-operate in this matter in a truly sporting spirit and give players on both sides a fair chance."

Today is a rest day before the fourth day of the fourth and final unofficial Test, which is also the last match of the MCC tour.

The MCC are due to fly home on March 16.—Reuter.

Manila-Macao-Hongkong Regatta On March 31

Manila, Mar. 13. The Manila-Hongkong-Macao regatta will be held in Manila Bay between March 31 and April 2. It was learned here yesterday.

Hongkong will be represented by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club while the Portuguese Colony will be represented by the Club Nautico de Macao.

A total of five races will be held: two on March 31, one on April 1 and two on April 2.

The Hongkong team is expected to arrive here on March 28.—France-Presse.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis
Semi-final of Colony Grasscourt doubles championship at HKCC.

Heats of St. Joseph's College annual athletic championships at SCAA stadium, commencing 9 a.m.

TOMORROW

Meetings
ASF and OC Council meeting, B.C.M. Post Board Room at 5.30 p.m.

Team
Semi-final of Colony Grasscourt doubles championship (bottom half), Badminton.

School championships at CCC commencing at 5 p.m.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

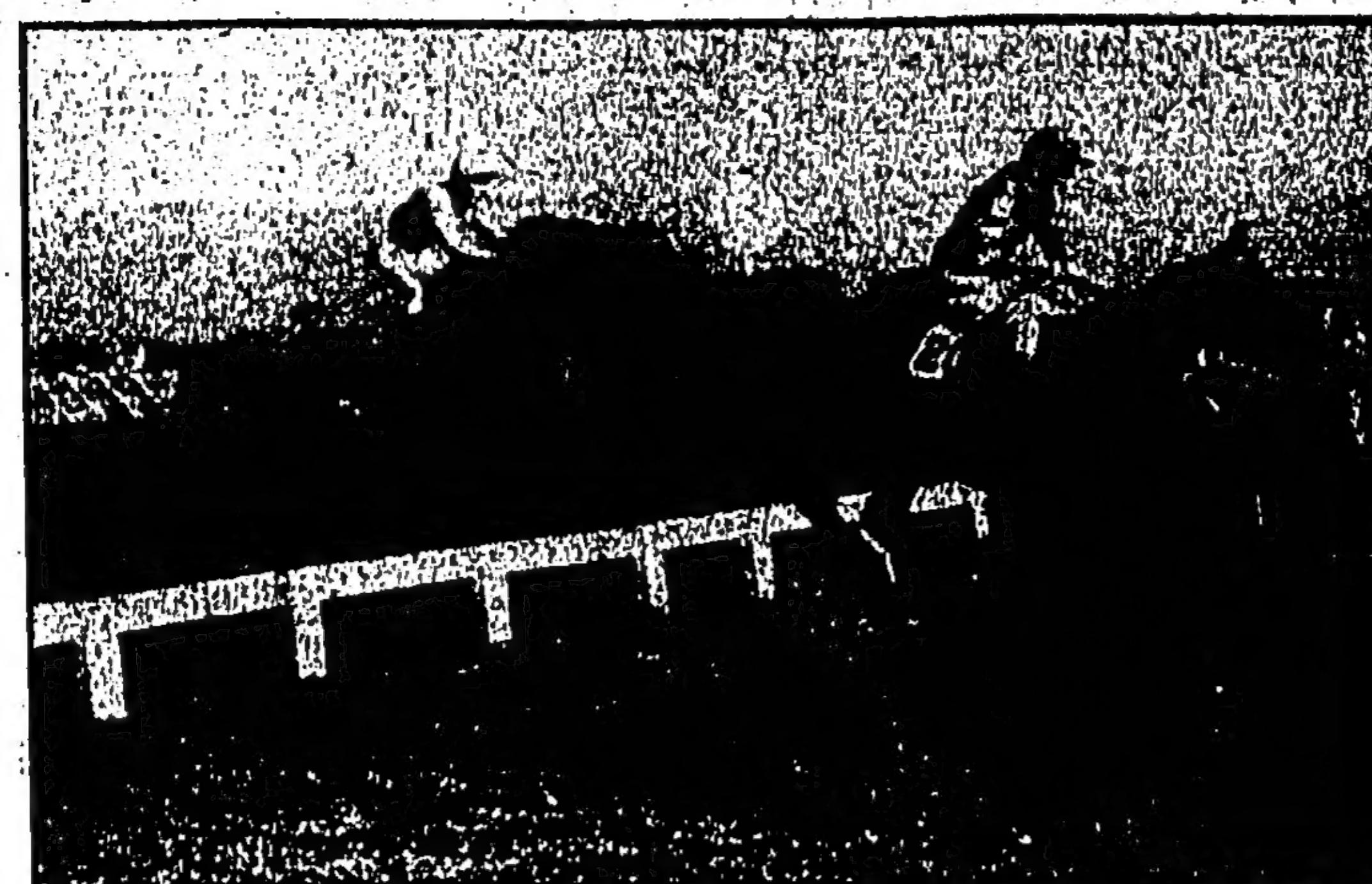
To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed).....

VICTORY IN SIGHT



Mr G. H. Moore's Kerstin, ridden by G. Millburn, takes the last fence to win the National Hunt Handicap Steeplechase at the Cheltenham meeting on March 7. Closely following is Mme K. Hennessey's Armorial III (J. Dowdeswell in the saddle), which finished second.—Reuterphoto.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THE PAKISTAN RAGGING AFFAIR

Says W. CAPEL KIRBY

"All the Gentlemen are players and all the players gentlemen" no longer applies to cricket.

For years magistrates have tried to decide between ragging and hooliganism, but there is no excuse for the behaviour in Pakistan which has damaged our good name throughout the world of sport.

The culprits should never again be allowed to wear an England or MCC Cap.

The cricketing fraternity—old school tie and all that—is reckoned to occupy a higher social status than the oats of Soccer, yet an England football team would never be guilty of such conduct as marred the Pakistan tour. At least the FA vets international candidates for their behaviour both on and off the field.

ENTERPRISE

How many current Rugby internationals have been chosen for the club's second XV? When the France-England match was cancelled Alan Ashcroft put his name down on Waterloo's second team list... and got a game.

Wolves had a representative at Peterborough's friendly match with Huddersfield yesterday. It is no secret that he was making another check on inside right Dennis Emery.

Jimmy Logie misses the League limelight but cannot make a comeback. "I burned my boats by drawing my League Benevolent Fund money," he told me.

Former Lancashire fast bowler Tom Dickinson hopes to have more games with Somerset's second team next season. Nowadays he's a headmaster at Bristol Grammar School.

DEWS WANTED

Encouraged by the turnstile returns from Neil Franklin's signing, Crews are now seeking George Dewa, Walsall inside left and Worcestershire batsman.

British Olympic funds will benefit by the royal world premiere of the film epic "Alexander the Great" at the Odeon Theatre, London, on March 22. This film was chosen because it features the first Olympic Games of 2,000 years ago. They didn't require 270,000 in those days.

Preston directors have been goal-prospecting over the border. They have been seen in pairs at Ayr and Dundee. Target at Ayr, I gather, was Wistau-born wing-half-back Adam Haugh. At Dundee, Tommy Gallagher, son of illustrious Patsy, caught their eye.

FOLLOWS SAM?

If Jimmy Seed's visit to Scotland this week-end is successful, Reg. Morrison, Aberdeen's reserve "B" international goal-keeper, will be seen Bartram's successor at Charlton.

Charlie Mitten's first job when he moves the family to Mansfield in July is to sign on John as an amateur for the Town. "Will you sign him pro?"

Soviet Table Tennis Tourney

Paris, Mar. 12. A. Saunoris, winner of the men's singles title in the Soviet 1955 Table Tennis Championships retained his title when he won the men's finals in this year's Championships which ended at Leningrad yesterday, reported Soviet Tass news agency.

M. Loshal won the 1956 women's title.—France-Presse.

LOOKING AT SPORT

Welshman Dai Dower Still Needs A Punch

Says DENNIS HART

Twenty-seven fights, 26 wins, 23 of them inside the distance. That's a record worthy of anybody's attention. I especially commend it to those who regard Welshman Dai Dower as the next Flyweight Champion of the World.

And they are many. Indeed, most think that Dower's hardest task will be in getting the chance to fight for the title. This done, winning would be a mere formality.

That's why I suggest they study that record. It belongs to Pasquale Perez, the dark-haired, tough-as-nails Argentinian, current holder of the crown.

Twenty-seven fights and only four lasting the distance. That's a record as good as Rocky Marciano's.

And it is possible to compare the two. Heavyweights may be harder to knock out, but then they've got the weight behind their punches. There's not much beef and muscle behind an eight-stonner's blows.

TREMENDOUS SPEED

Dower, of course, has his tremendous speed. He revealed it again last week when he outpointed Frenchman Robert Meunier. It was a good win, especially as Meunier is a Bantamweight. But it was well though Dower won, towards the end he was obviously tiring. And the fight was only over eight rounds. Another couple of rounds and anything might have happened.

For Dower, with his lightning fast beating a constant tattoo on his opponent's face, is all right while at full speed. But as soon as he slows down becomes the other man's. And for all the number of the Welshman's punches

haven't the devastating power of one cracking blow. Dower's supporters, and they include every Welshman able to draw breath, claim that he can go full out for fifteen rounds, and point to his two points wins over former Empire Champion Jake Tull. The little Zulu, I agree, hit as hard as any flyweight in the business. But he wasn't a quick fighter.

Perez is. His list of KO wins includes one over Yoshio Shirai, that elusive little man from Japan from whom Perez took the world title. Perez won the title on a points decision—proof of his boxing ability. Defending it he knocked out Shirai in five rounds.

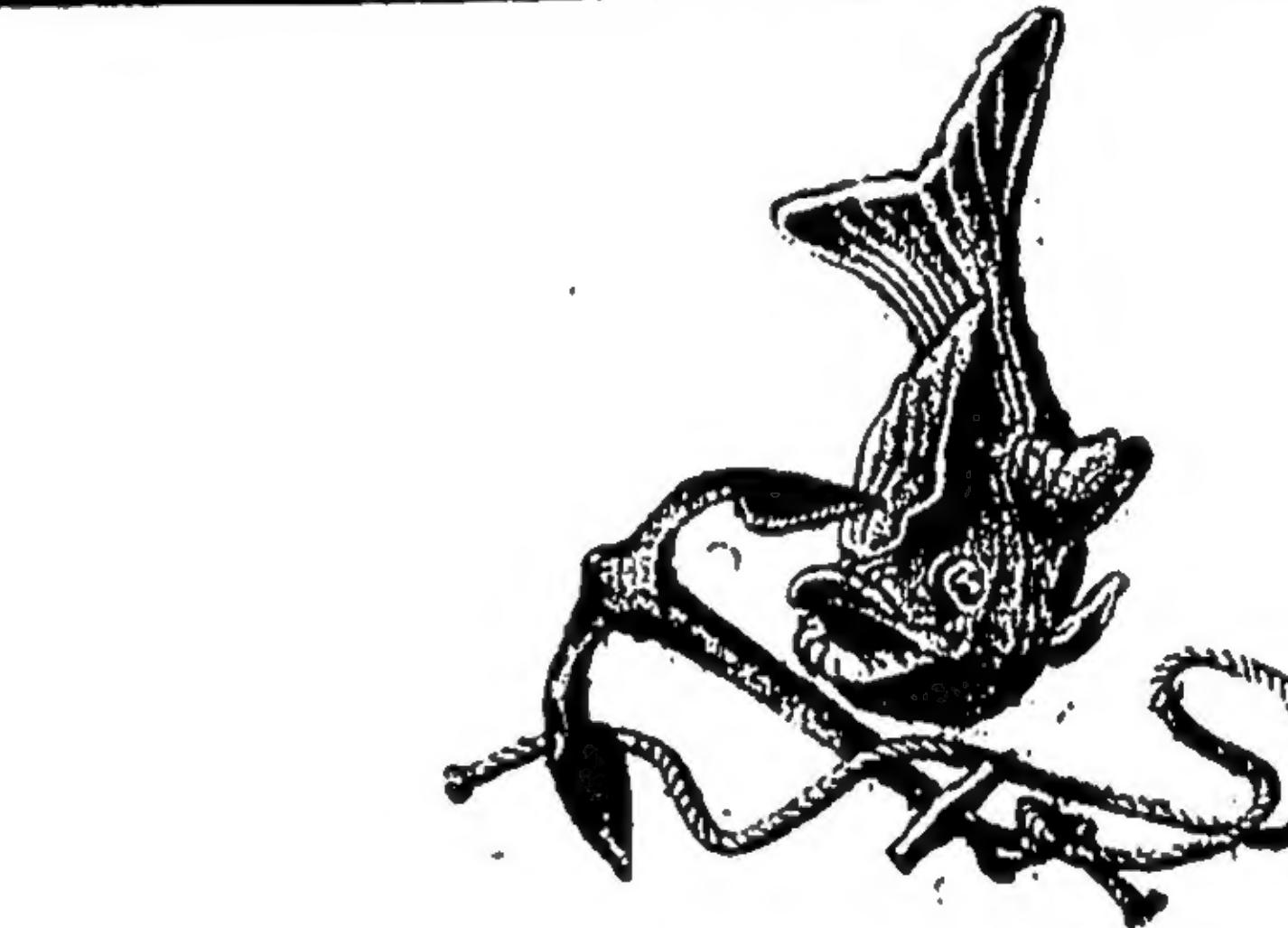
SLIGHT SMUDGE

Shirai, incidentally, was responsible for the one slight smudge on Perez's otherwise record. From Japan from whom Perez took the world title. Perez won the title on a points decision—proof of his boxing ability. Defending it he knocked out Shirai in five rounds.

There is only one way for Dower to prevent this. He must put more zip in his punches and so, getting in first, take the sting out of Perez's blows.

Just one thing though. Perhaps Lave hasn't studied psychology.

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London Stocks Improve

London, Mar. 12. Stocks improved slightly on the London Stock Exchange today in moderate trading.

Profit-taking pared earlier gains which reflected the up-trend in Wall Street and favourable corporate news.

All government issues were dull with prices closing about unchanged.

Borax Consolidated took the spotlight with a rise of 12 shillings. Gains from one to two shillings appeared in Rolls-Royce, Ford Motors, and Bowater.

Oils were strong with Royal Dutch & Shell up.

Diamond shares firmed on the Continental buying, while coppers held about unchanged. —United Press.

NY INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE HITS 500 MARK

New York, Mar. 12. Industrial shares on the stock exchange cracked the magic 500 mark as calculated by the average, a new record top.

All departments joined in the upsurge. Gains throughout the list ranged to more than a point with a few high-priced issues showing much wider improvements.

Railroads finished the day less than a point under their bull market high set last November 25, on that day the average hit its highest level since October 22, 1929. Utilities reached in 25-year top.

Today's magic figure of 500 in the Dow-Jones Industrial average was reached about 14 months after the average had crossed 400 for the first time on December 29, 1954.

The Dow-Jones Industrial average closed at 500.24, up 2.40 points. Raila added 0.85 to 168.64; utilities rose 0.41 to 64.47; and 95 stocks improved 0.01 to 177.52.

Buying Flurry

The market opened with a buying flurry. Shortly after the opening gong, the reporting tickers ran late for a period of 10 minutes.

Some profit-taking developed around mid-session. However, in the closing hour of dealings, new demand developed which helped to push the industrial average beyond 500.

Market news reports continued highly favourable. The large number of good corporate reports, coupled with business forecasts, bolstered the market considerably today.

The market was the broadest since last Sept. 28. A total of 1,230 issues appeared on the tape. Of these, 622 issues moved higher, 352 declined and 265 held at the previous close. New 1956 highs were reached by 254 stocks and 11 made new lows.

Transactions today totalled 3,110,000 shares, compared with 3,430,000 shares last Friday.

Specialty issues displayed the best strength. Chemicals also were featureless. Motors were rugged. Steel shares firmed. Metals met some good buying. In the steel section, Bethlehem Steel finished with a gain of 1% to \$157.56.

High priced International Business Machines rose 5½ points to \$434.

Kennecott Copper paced the metals. It jumped 2¾ points to \$143¾.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$1,325,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 1,400,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing average were;

30 industrials 500.24

20 rails 168.64

15 utilities 64.47

10 stocks 177.52

40 bonds 59.19

Comm. future price index 150.81

BRITONS HAVE TOO MUCH MONEY

Government Stands By Restrictions On Hire Purchase

From Ronald Boxall

London, Mar. 12. Signs of deepening recession in the "durable consumer goods" industries have inevitably led to a demand for relaxation of the restrictions imposed on hire purchase by Mr Macmillan in his "little" budget three weeks ago. And just as inevitably the Government has stood firmly by its decision.

At the moment it is the short term effects of hire purchase on working of the economy that is under discussion in Britain. The Government regard it as a factor aggravating the problem of "too much money." Workers in industries producing cars, washing machines and so on have come to regard it as a means of keeping them in full employment.

Little thought, however, has been given to the long term effects of hire purchase on a modern industrial economy. Here is a vast unexplored field for economic inquiry. What part does consumer credit play in the fluctuating fortunes of the major consumer industries and through them of the whole economy? Can it be effectively controlled? If so, at what point should the Government intervene and how?

Bigger Strides

A panel of American experts has undertaken to answer these questions at the request of the United States Council of Economic Advisors. Their report will be studied with interest all over the world. In the meantime, however, the First National City Bank of New York has supplied its own views on this subject and they make extremely interesting reading.

The first point to be made is that hire purchase—or consumer credit as the Americans call it—has made much bigger strides in the United States than anywhere else in the world. According to the National City Bank some \$10,000 million of instalment credit, representing 10.4 per cent of personal income after taxes, was outstanding at the end of 1955.

Anyone who tries to compare this situation with what is happening in Britain at the present moment comes up against an immediate problem. There are no figures available of the amount of outstanding hire purchase credit though the Board of Trade is now trying to fill this gap in the information on which modern economic planning depends.

Rough Estimates

One must therefore rely upon guesses and the most widely accepted guess is that some £500 million of hire purchase credit is now outstanding in Britain. This amounts to between three and four per cent of personal income after direct taxes.

These figures should not be regarded as anything more than rough estimates. But even so it is clear that the American consumer has a far greater debt burden than their British counterpart.

If consumer credit was a cause of inflation one would expect to find American economy in a far worse plight than the British. But this is not the case. The logical conclusion, therefore, is that consumer credit is not a cause of inflation.

This is not to say, however, that it has no ill effects on the economy. According to the National City Bank: "Theoretically instalment credit accentuates booms and recessions but does not cause upturns or downturns. In a revival, instalment credit contributes to purchasing power and helps put men and machines back to work."

Same View

It goes on—and this is a fair summary of what has been happening in Britain—"in the later stages of a boom with many lines bumping against the ceiling, capacity—it like any form of credit—adds fuel to the fires of inflation."

The British Government took the same view—and made hire purchase much more difficult. This is largely—though not wholly—responsible for the current recession in durable consumer goods industries. But it is a situation which needs a close

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES

	Chicago, Mar. 12.	Closing prices
Wheat, No. 2, red		2200
Spot	2200	2211 1/2
Mar.	2211 1/2	2214 1/2
May	2214 1/2	2171
July	2171	199 1/2
Sept.	199 1/2	203 1/2
Nov.	203 1/2	203 1/2
Corn, No. 2, yellow		133 1/2
Spot	133 1/2	134 1/2
Mar.	134 1/2	134 1/2
May	134 1/2	134 1/2
July	134 1/2	138 1/2
Sept.	138 1/2	138 1/2
Nov.	138 1/2	137 1/2
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow		281 1/2
Spot	281 1/2	284 1/2
Mar.	284 1/2	286 1/2
May	286 1/2	288 1/2
July	288 1/2	290 1/2
Sept.	290 1/2	292 1/2
Nov.	292 1/2	293 1/2
New York, floor, 200 lb. sack		813 1/2
United Press		813 1/2

Closing Prices

United Press

NY COTTON FUTURES UNCERTAIN

New York, Mar. 12. Cotton futures today ruled alternately steady and unsettled with new crop deliveries showing the best resistance.

Closing prices ruled 24 points lower to 17 points higher.

Opening prices were off 5 to up 8 points. New Orleans closed 52 points lower to 10 points higher.

Traders proceeded cautiously pending final Congressional action on the farm bill and publication of more detailed information on the Government's new export disposal plan for raw cotton.

Nearly months apart from the expiring March delivery, the weight of renewed hedge selling and liquidation in line with the recent heavier rates of loan redemptions, plus a slow-down in textile market activity and a slackening demand for spot cotton.

The spot March remained at the 35.77 cent level for ninth session in a row. Trading there will end in the noon hour tomorrow. Open interest contracts in March at the start of trading today totalled 29,800 bales. Deliveries notices were 400 bales. The certified stock rose 320 to 11,321 bales.

Volume and open interest were;

BANKS HK Bank XD 1670 1683 20 20 1953

INSURANCES Union 883

SHIPPING W. Wilson

X All K. Wharf 17 1/2

Dock 34 1/2

1000 6 34 1/2

1000 6 34 1/2

1000 6 35

Total

NEW YORK Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 36.80

Mar. 33.77

May 33.23-23

July 33.19

Sept. 31.83

Oct. 31.80

Dec. 31.60

Mar. 31.40-41

July 30.87

NEW ORLEANS Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 36.23

Mar. 35.23

May 34.23

July 34.23

Sept. 34.23

Oct. 34.23

Dec. 34.23

Mar. 34.23

July 34.23

Sept. 34.23

Oct. 34.23

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COTTONS Textiles 5.20

Egyptian Karnak Mar./Apr. 50.45

The São Paulo prices were not available this morning.—United Press.

LIVERPOOL Futures closing, in pence per lb, were as follows:

Old contract Mar./Apr. 20.00

May/June 21.23

July 21.23

Sept. 21.23

Oct. 21.23

Dec. 21.23

Mar. 21.23

July/Aug. 21.23

Sept. 21.23

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SINGAPORE Stock Market

Singapore, Mar. 13. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd. 51.57

British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate Ltd. 41/9d

Capita Ltd. 51.57

Fraser & Neave 7 1/2 cum. 31.

